

Minutes
BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
STEM Innovation Center
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
2019 Technology Way, Green Bay, WI 54311 - 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Paul Blindauer	<u>X</u>	Dave Kaster	<u>X</u>	Mark Thomson	<u>X</u>
Brian Brock	<u>Exc</u>	Michelle Kerr	<u>X</u>	Norbert Van De Hei	<u>Abs</u>
Norbert Dantine, Jr.	<u>Exc</u>	Patty Kiewiz	<u>X</u>	Matthew Woicek	<u>Exc</u>
Bernie Erickson	<u>Exc</u>	Dave Landwehr	<u>X</u>	Reed Woodward	<u>Abs</u>
Kim Flom	<u>X</u>	Aaron Linssen	<u>Exc</u>		
Mark Handeland	<u>X</u>	Michael Malcheski	<u>Exc</u>		
Matthew Harris	<u>X</u>	Gary Pahl	<u>X</u>	T. of Holland & Morrison (Vacant)	
Phil Hilgenberg	<u>X</u>	Terry Schaeuble	<u>Abs</u>	City of Green Bay (Vacant)	
Kathleen Janssen	<u>X</u>	Glen Severson	<u>Exc</u>	City of Green Bay (Vacant)	
Dotty Juengst	<u>X</u>	Ray Suennen	<u>X</u>	City of Green Bay (Vacant)	

Others Present: Chuck Lamine, Cole Runge, Lisa J. Conard, Kathy Meyer, Devin Yoder, Harman Singh (attending for P. Kiewiz), and Joy Koomen

Paul Blindauer Chaired tonight's meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2019 regular meeting of the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors.

A motion was made by D. Kaster, seconded by G. Pahl, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2019 regular meeting of the Brown County Planning Commission Board of Directors. Motion carried.

2. **Overview and Public Hearing:** Draft Major Amendment #1 to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area.

L. Conard provided an overview of the amendment, noting that WisDOT has requested that two projects be added to the program.

1. Design and construction of fencing near the STH 29/CTH VV Interchange.
2. Design and preventative maintenance work on various 1-41 ramps between 1-43 and STH 45 in Oshkosh.

L. Conard opened up the hearing for comment.

L. Conard asked three times if anyone wished to speak. Hearing no comment, L. Conard closed the public hearing.

L. Conard informed the commission that the requirements for a 15-day public review and comment period have been fulfilled, as well as provided the information to the Transportation Subcommittee and have no comments.

3. Discussion and action regarding the Draft Major Amendment #1 to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area.

G. Pahl expressed concern that WisDOT may be making a substantial investment on maintenance of select I-41 ramps/facilities (1130-73-00, 71) just prior to the I-41 Expansion project (1130-63-00) in which reconstruction of the same ramps/facilities may occur.

L. Conard noted that this was a good point and that she would forward this concern to WisDOT staff. (WisDOT staff subsequently reported that the I-41 ramp/facilities (1130-73-00, 71) work does not fall within the foot print of the I-41 Expansion project (1130-63-00).)

Question asked if the state has assigned a dollar amount on the work on the Hwy 29 VV interchange.

L. Conard stated the project in its entirety is estimated at \$32 million. The proposed addition to the TIP includes the design work for the installation of a fence at \$48,000 (federal) and \$12,000 (state). The actual installation of the fence is estimated to be about \$1.4 million with a federal grant covering approximately 75% and the state covering 25%. No local money is being used for the fencing portion of the project.

A motion was made by G. Pahl, seconded by D. Juengst, to approve the Draft Major Amendment #1 to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Green Bay Urbanized Area. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and action regarding the Draft 2020 Green Bay MPO Transportation Planning Work Program.

C. Runge reviewed the highlights of the work program for 2020.

- 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan Update
- Long-Range Transportation Plan Performance Measures Implementation
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Updates for the City of De Pere, Village of Bellevue and Town of Lawrence
- EIS for Transportation Improvements in the Southern Portion of the Green Bay Metropolitan Area

Staff requests the Planning Commission Board to approve the Draft 2020 Green Bay MPO Transportation Planning Work Program for next year.

A motion was made by G. Pahl, seconded by K. Flom, to approve the Draft 2020 Green Bay MPO Transportation Planning Work Program. Motion carried.

5. Presentation and discussion on the Draft Agricultural Chapter of the 2019 Brown County Comprehensive Plan Update.

D. Yoder presented the draft Agricultural Chapter highlighting some of the key points in the chapter.

D. Yoder stated that the agricultural element does not replace the farmland preservation plan, rather it is a supplement to the plan and the chapter offers general strategies and long term goals.

D. Yoder briefly reviewed the trends in Brown County and the mid-west for fewer number of farms, and fewer farmers, but an increasing number of large farms.

D. Yoder stated commodity prices have gone down, particularly the dairy industry have been hit hard as a result of the weather patterns.

D. Yoder touched on manure management programs and water quality and a brief discussion on digesters followed. G. Pahl asked if the Planning Commission, once the new digester in the Town of Wrightstown is up and running, would be interested in a tour and see how it operates? The Commission members expressed an interest in such a tour.

K. Janssen stated that there is a working digester near her house and went on a tour yesterday and stated it was clean and very little odor and asked if there was a committee in the county that deals with agricultural issues. C. Lamine stated Land and Water Conservation Committee.

D. Juengst spoke about the structure of the chapter and how to integrate agricultural and water quality. Staff stated that the water quality topic does apply across the entire plan, and different plan sections would highlight where relevant. In the implementation section, all the different strategies would be tied together, which is why the planning commission has not yet seen the total approach.

P. Blindauer brought up that in the course of his engineering work he had seen the integration of solar and agriculture in other places, and wondered if that could also be incorporated here as a strategy in the plan in order to help with on-farm revenues. D. Yoder asked if the BCPC would like to see that added as a strategy, which no one dissented to.

G. Pahl stated that cities, villages and towns should cut back on the fertilizers that they're using.

G. Pahl stated that WPS is not paying proper rates for solar energy that is because of current state law and how it regulates renewable energy.

G. Pahl stated we also need to look at highlines. Fires in California are being started by high voltage lines. D. Yoder responded that that is one of the challenges and tradeoffs of having centralized energy production facilities more geographically spread out will require the use of high-voltage transmission lines.

A motion was made by G. Pahl, seconded by M. Harris, to receive and place on file the Draft Agricultural Chapter of the 2019 Brown County Comprehensive Plan Update. Motion carried.

6. Directors Report.

C. Lamine welcomed everyone to the STEM Innovation Center and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight. C. Lamine provided a brief history of building, and encouraged board members to take a tour of the building after the meeting.

C. Lamine stated that the Planning Commission budget was approved today by the County Board.

C. Lamine acknowledged and thanked K. Flom for her service on the committee and indicated that she accepted a position in Texas.

C. Lamine acknowledged Joy Koomen tonight as a guest, but may be appointed as the representative for the Towns of Morrison and Holland in the near future.

7. Brown County Planning Commission staff updates on work activities during the month of October 2019.

Brown County Planning Commission staff updates on work activities for the month of October 2019 were reviewed.

8. Other matters.

G. Pahl indicated the in the Village of Wrightstown, three houses are sliding down the hill. C. Lamine stated that staff will look into this further.

9. Adjourn.

A motion was made by G. Pahl, seconded by M. Thomson to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.